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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith on the accompanying Form PTO 1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicant and/or his attorneys. A copy of each of these documents is enclosed.

In accordance with the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(b)(3), Applicant would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner the existence of the co-pending patent application(s) identified below, which were filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

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In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-referenced application specification(s), including the claims and drawings thereof, is enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be filed in a timely manner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), in that a first Office Action on the merits of the present patent application has not yet been mailed to Applicant.

Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

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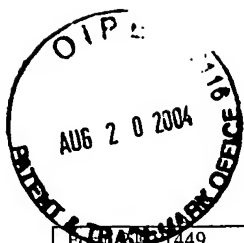
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